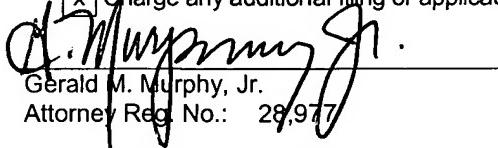




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Invention: METHOD FOR PRODUCING HIGH PURITY GLYCOLIC ACID CRYSTALS				
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.